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(54) Multiple port register file with interleaved write ports

(57) A high speed register file is provided for use with Very Long Word Instruction (VLIW) and N-way superscaler processors. The high speed register file includes a selected number of copies of a general purpose register (GPR) building block. The GPR building block

includes at least two interleaved sub-banks of registers. Each of the sub-banks includes a number N of write ports and a number M of read ports. The sub-banks are interleaved by write ports and have non-interleaved read ports.

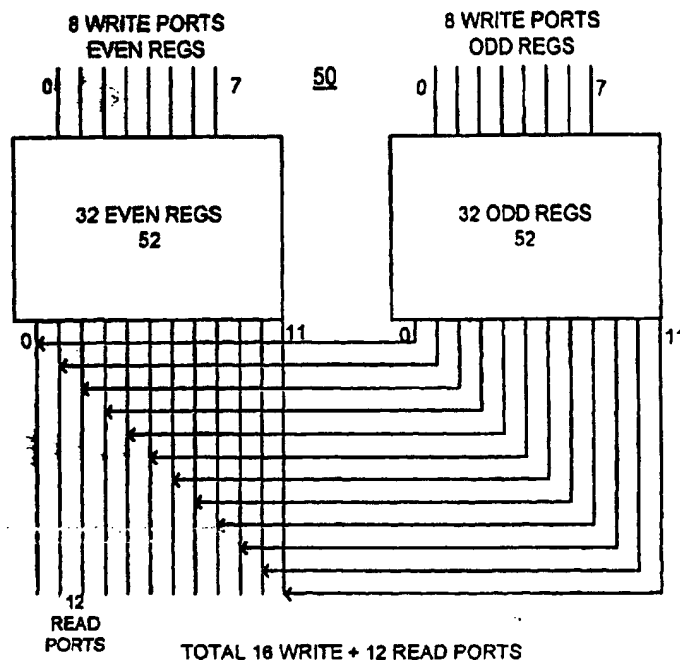


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